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Golubac Fortress, a 14th Century castle on shores of the Danube River in Serbia.
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The Shire of Riviere Constelle is the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) covering Southwest Indiana (DuBois, Gibson, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties) with activities covering much of the region. The SCA is a world-wide, non-profit organization of history minded recreationists. In the SCA we recreate the costumes, martial traditions and many of the arts and crafts of the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance. We invite you to come join us at one of our meetings, events or classes/practices. Come and “get medieval” with us for fun!

Shire Officers*

* This is a partial officer list. These gentles will be happy to put you in touch with the appropriate officer or activity coordinator. Please see our Shire's *Domesday Book* for a complete list of officers, members and friends, or contact our Seneschal. Thank you!

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From the Seneschal:

Greetings unto the Shire of Riviere Constelle & friends from Master Accolon Shadowhawk, Baron of the Court.

It is my prayer that you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas! Now, as we do every January, we gather to celebrate 12th Night and the culmination of the holiday season with the Feast of the Epiphany.

Please allow me to indulge and praise you, the members of our mighty shire. I am proud of each of you for your hard work, enthusiasm and, most of all, for being the good gentle folk I know you to be!

As we charge our glasses in merriment, let us pledge to continue to serve our shire, our region and the mighty Middle Kingdom! And, let us continue to strive for worthy endeavors.

Praying the Saints watch over you, I remain,
Accolon, Esquire and Seneschal



From the Minister of Arts & Sciences:

Greetings Shire!!

Wintertime is upon us which means it's a perfect time to work on inside arts and science projects. Our shire has a thriving community with most Tuesdays being filled with classes, projects or game nights.

Coming up for January is: Medieval Dance class on Jan 6th hosted by Mistress Kirsten (just in time for our 12th night celebration!), Jan 13 a book binding project night by our own Domingo (there is a small cost for this class, look for upcoming details posted in shire discord and Facebook for the cost) and our period game night this month is learning about and how to play Pachisi, the grandfather to Parcheesi.

If there is a class you would like to teach, please don't hesitate to let me know and we could easily get you on the schedule.

For those interested in the scribal arts, there is a FB and discord group called "100 day of Scribal". It is a challenge for artists to complete 100 days of some sort scribal arts throughout the year. The FB group and discord have tons of content and resources and plenty of knowledgeable people (from all over the SCA!) to answer questions. Sign up, have fun and create some beautiful artwork.

Enjoy your wintertime festivities, come out and visit a class or project night and have fun creating!

YIS,
THL Oscar Von Lindau



From the Exchequer

Warm greetings,

The Shire's annual Domesday financial report will be completed shortly. While we lost money year-over-year, this was not unanticipated and we continue to support causes dear to us, including donations to our meeting and fighting sites and to the Royal Travel Fund. A full year financial report will be included in the next quarter's newsletter.

In Service, Kirsten



From the Chronicler:

Greetings!

The Domesday Book is complete and available with a requested donation to cover costs. \$1.00 for a Domesday Book, \$3.00 if you want one with a cover. Sorry, my stock of free covers is gone. Newsletters and summary domesday pages (good for keeping in your vehicle) are, as always, free.

I remain yours in service, Kirsten



From the Web Minister:

Greetings to the Shire! Hello Shire!

The new website will go live on January 20th of this year. At first it will be the minimum features required by the society, but will flesh out quickly. Among other features, we've been asked to make our website the central source for the upcoming event schedule for practices, events, meetings, etc. There will be an easy form there to request an event update, so please let me know well in advance if something like an impromptu archery practice or something comes up. Keep in mind that any event posted IS considered officially sanctioned by the Shire and is subject to society laws.

I'm greatly looking forward to hearing what everyone thinks of the website refresh.

Yours in Service,
Domingo de Velasco, Webminister, Shire of Riviere Constelle



From the Herald

Greetings good nobles of the shire,

The new year is upon us and with that is a new year for events. In this new year, I would like to send congratulations for Domingo de Velasco and Adrian Harper for heralding courts. I am honored to have seen people from our humble shire step up into the roles of heraldry. There are even members like Camille de Gevaudan taking up the most honorable art of scribing. I look forward to seeing what you guys will bring.

I hope to see you guys at the Heraldic Symposium in August.

Yours in service, Alardin de Caux



From the Rapier Marshal:

Greetings unto the Shire!

Shire rapier practices continue to be held on Sunday afternoons, with good attendance and much learning. Since the beginning of November practices have moved to our indoor site, Bethel United Church of Christ on North Green River Road. Please remember that when we use this site, wear non-scuff shoes so that we don't mark the gym floor.

I wish to call everyone's attention to the size and scope of practices in this area. There have been many practices favored by skilled rapier combatants from the Shire of Mynedd Seren and other locations. This provides us all practice at facing others and learning on the fly. Congrats to all on this!

I commend all of the fencers who have been working on getting warranted as marshals. Thanks to all. I also want to thank Adrian Harper for volunteering to work towards taking over the mantle of local Marshal of Fence. Thanks for stepping up! And, to all and sundry, keep practicing and honing our skills so that we can show them off across the kingdom. See you at practice!

Stay tuned for information for a weekend of fencing, Friday-Sunday February 20-22. Guest teachers will be present and the Shire will be hosting a pot-luck soup/stew/chili dinner for the fencers on Saturday evening.

I remain, in service to Shire and Kingdom,
Sir Ragnarr Arnbjornsson

Birthdays

Birthday	SCA Name
01/02	Ruth of Riviere Constelle
01/07	Gregory Bryant
02/08	Demiana Da Costa
02/13	Michael Banister
02/13	Tighearnan Holedigger
02/25	Magdalena

Birthday	SCA Name
02/27	Brandr Halfdanr
03/06	Keith Artur O'Monahan
03/10	Orianna De L'Isle
03/16	Alainne Sabatier
03/28	Alfhild Hamar

Replica of a medieval trebuchet, from the grounds of Golubac Fortress.
Photo by Kirsten Thorsteinsdottir (Donna Herum)





From the Historian

MID-SEPTEMBER 2025 TO END OF DECEMBER 2025:

- September 13: We held our Annual Pageantry in the Park in conjunction with the Wesselman Park's own "Woodland Wonders Festival" this year. We were a great success and have been invited to join them again next year as well! We had combat demonstrations, they had Storyland come alive with stilt walkers dressed as creatures from the tales, there was a magician, someone brought a small owl to interact with, there were homemade teas to drink as well as homemade brews for the adults to drink. In all, it was declared a wonderful success, and they would be happy to have us back again.
- In September, we started having period game nights. This is separate from our arts and sciences night.
- October 11: Sir Savaric & Duke Palymar, two very highly skilled combatants, as guests to help teach.
- October 25: Rendezvous at the Bridge was held at Bethel United Church of Christ. This was because Lincoln State Park, our usual site, was under renovation and reconstruction. And instead of being a three-day site, we had a one-day event on Saturday only. We had an excellent turnout and it was very well enjoyed. It was attended by her Majesty only as his Majesty had duties elsewhere. Lady Catarina and THL Oscar were the stewards of this event and managed it excellently. And Lady Annora Bromley made the lovely Midrealm dragon mints for Rendezvous.
- October 28: Another Mega-Practice was held for the fighters with Sir Roberto Fernández Morales holding a charity pick up tourney to benefit the Henderson humane, shelter or local food pantries. As a sidenote, our Shire's fighters have started gaining wide notice from as far away as Carbondale, Illinois, Owensboro, Kentucky, Vincennes, Indiana, and further afield. We have been having more people showing up for practices as well as very talented instructors showing up to help teach and help with authorizations.
- November 3: a place for indoor archery was located in Evansville, Indiana for the local group and weekly participation began.
- November 16: Another Mega-Practice was held at Bethel United Church of Christ, with Sir Roberto Fernández Morales holding another charity pick-up tourney.
- November: An Order of Precedence is being created for the Shire, as the Shire is considering completing an application to become a Barony and this one of the requirements. The research has been ongoing for about a year as to what is required to turn the Shire into a Barony. Meetings to discuss everything necessary will begin soon.

Belated recognition goes to: THL Oscar for receiving his Dragon's Heart Award at Mounted War Games; Mary Elizabeth received her Award of Arms at Pennsic Wars; Cygnus received a Purple Fret, at Rendezvous, Faustus and Domingo received Cavendish Knots and Koray received an AoA; at Christmas Tourney, Adrian received Cavendish Knot and Ronan received an AoA.

May everyone have a Happy and Joyous New Year full of Love, Peace, and Blessings.

Yours in service, Thorfridhr Hrolfsdottir

Wheeled cannon and stone cannonballs
from the grounds of Golubac Fortress.
Photo by Kirsten Thorsteinsdottir (Donna Herum)



Riviere Constelle Calendar

Riviere Constelle Calendar Please check the Riviere Constelle Facebook page for calendar changes and announcements for project days and other excuses to get together!

- Jan 4 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Jan 6 A&S Class on Dancing, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Jan 11 Riviere Constelle 12th Night & Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 1:00 PM
- Jan 13 A&S Class on Book Binding, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Jan 17 Festival of Maidens, Gifford, IL
- Jan 18 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Jan 20 Business Meeting/Dinner, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM dinner, 6:45 meeting, Theme TBA
- Jan 24 Mynydd Seren 12th Night & 50-year Celebration, Bloomington, IN
- Jan 25 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Jan 27 Gaming Night, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Feb 1 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Feb 3 A&S Class – Topic TBA, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Feb 7 South Oaken Day of Classes, Louisville, KY
- Feb 8 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Feb 10 Project Night, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Feb 15 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Feb 17 Business Meeting/Dinner, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM dinner, 6:45 meeting, Theme TBA
- Feb 20-22 Rapier Classes & Activities, Bethel UCC, Times TBA
- Feb 24 Gaming Night, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Mar 1 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Mar 3 A&S Class – Topic TBA, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Mar 8 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Mar 10 Project Night, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Mar 15 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Mar 17 Business Meeting/Dinner, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM dinner, 6:45 meeting, Theme TBA
- Mar 22 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Mar 24 Gaming Night, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 6:15 PM
- Mar 28 Better War Through Archery, Danville, IN
- Mar 29 Fighting Practice, Bethel UCC, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- Mar 31 Meeting?? TBA

Replica of a counterweight trebuchet
located at the Golubac Fortress in Serbia.
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